

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0918

October 13, 2021

The Honorable Adam Smith
Chairman
House Armed Services Committee
2216 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Rogers
Ranking Member
House Armed Services Committee
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The Honorable Jack Reed
Chairman
Senate Armed Services Committee
228 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jim Inhofe
Ranking Member
Senate Armed Services Committee
228 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Smith, Ranking Members Rogers, Chairman Reed, and Ranking Member Inhofe:

As you begin the conference committee process to reconcile the House and Senate versions of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2022, we write to strongly urge you to include legislative language to protect our fighting men and women's right to medical privacy and thwart attempts to coerce or force them into making a particular medical decision.

Our offices have fielded hundreds of inquiries from concerned servicemembers in search of recourse against severe intrusion into matters of their personal health, and we believe that this potential for servicemember separation in response to this order presents a serious threat to force readiness.

Per a memorandum promulgated by Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin on August 24, 2021, the Secretaries of the Military Departments have issued the following deadlines by which servicemembers must take the COVID-19 vaccine or face disciplinary action:

- U.S. Air Force: November 2, 2021
- U.S. Space Force: November 2, 2021
- U.S. Coast Guard: November 22, 2021
- U.S. Navy: November 28, 2021
- U.S. Army: December 15, 2021
- National Guard: June 30, 2022

A number of amendments were submitted to the FY22 NDAA to protect servicemembers' medical privacy, though all of these efforts were stymied by partisan gatekeeping on the part of the House Committee on Rules.

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Our fighting men and women give their all in service of our nation and in defense of our freedom every day, and to trample on their medical freedom is the ultimate disservice and insult. We the undersigned urge the inclusion of language blocking members of the armed service from persecution and disciplinary action based on their private health choices.

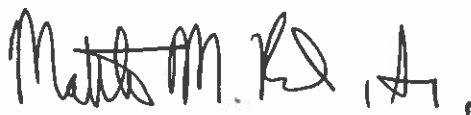
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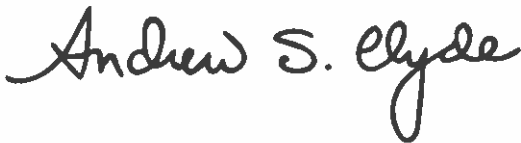
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